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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 8680

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SUBJECT: MISSING BRITISH CITIZENS

REF: A. ADDIS 5954 B. ADDIS 6085 C. ASMARA 441 D. ASMARA 448

1. BRIT COUNSELOR BROUGHT US UP TO DATE JULY 21 ON INFO CONCERNING SEVEN BRITS (LINDSEY TYLER FAMILY OF FOUR AND "DANAKIL THREE") MISSING SINCE APRIL AND MAY (REFTELS).

2. "DANAKIL THREE"- UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, BRITS HAD HEARD NOTHING WHATSOEVER ABOUT WHEREABOUTS OR FATE OF THESE MEN AND WERE RELUCTANTLY COMING TO CONCLUSION THEY WERE DEAD. HOWEVER, VERY RECENTLY THEY RECEIVED A REPORT IN KHARTOUM FROM AN INSURGENT SOURCE THAT TWO BRITS AND ONE POLE WERE BEING HELD SOMEWHERE IN ERITREA. REPORT OF COURSE HAS REVIEVED HOPE THAT MEN ARE STILL ALIVE AND BRITS HOPE THAT DISCREPANCY IN NUMBER IS RESULT OF INCORRECT INFO REACHING KHARTOUM SOURCE.

3. TYLER FAMILY - THERE HAVE BEEN NO RECENT REPORTS OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS. BRITS HOWEVER ARE INCLINED CREDIT
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REPORTS (ASMARA REFTELS) THAT THEY ARE PRESENTLY IN PLF

HANDS SOMEWHERE NORTH OF ASMARA. KIDNAPPED ITALIAN
CONSUL IN MASSAWA WHO LATER RELEASED WAS APPARENTLY TOLD
BY ABDUCTORS THAT THEY MIGHT MEET SOME OTHER KIDNAPPEES
WHOSE DESCRIPTION FITTED TYLERS AT A PLACE ABOUT HALF-
WAY BETWEEN MASSAWA AND ASMARA (ENCOUNTER DID NOT TAKE
PLACE). COUNSELOR TOLD US IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE
(PLEASE HANDLE AS NOFORN) THAT BRITS DID RECEIVE DEMANDS
OF "POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL" NATURE SHORTLY AFTER TYLER'S
ABDUCTION FROM TPLF (TIGRE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION FRONT)
BUT IN LINE WITH ESTABLISHED BRITISH PRACTICE, IGNORED
THEM. DEMANDS HAVE NOT BEEN REPEATED AND IN ANY CASE TPLF
IS PRESUMABLY NO LONGER IN ACT.
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